

Washington, DC - On the eve of National Ride Your Bike to Work Day, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore), Chair of the Congressional Bike Caucus, and 22 bipartisan members of Congress sent a letter to Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood commending him [for recognizing biking and walking](#) as important components of our transportation system that deserve dedicated funding.

[Here is a link to the full letter](#)

"You know things are different when Pennsylvania Avenue, the most famous street in America, gets its own bike lanes," **said Congressman Blumenauer**. "Secretary LaHood's commitment to including biking and walking in transportation planning marks a positive change that will make communities from Oregon to Virginia healthier, friendlier, and more livable"

"People are enthusiastic about a return to a healthier, greener way to get where they need to go," **Secretary Ray LaHood said**. "Bicycles help reduce congestion, improve our environment and are a smart investment for our country's transportation system. I look forward to working with Congress to provide people with more opportunities to get on a bike when they need to travel."

[Read more on Rep. Blumenauer's Plans for Ride Your Bike to Work Day on his blog.](#)